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PLATFORM

Adopted by the State Convention of the People's Party at Wichita.

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the People's party of Kansas, in convention assembled, ratify the St. Louis preamble and platform of principles of February 22d, 1892, and reaffirm every sentence and line of the same as fully as though set out herein, and we only desire to add to it by specializing and emphasizing some of the vital truths therein expressed.

Resolved, That we believe all legislation should be directed to the end of securing to the laborer the full fruits of his toil, and that the betterment of his condition, morally and intellectually, should be alike purpose of law. We therefore denounce all monopolies of the products of labor, and all monopolies of the soil and other natural resources of the earth, like the minerals and coal, and all elements of nature, like electricity, by the use of which the human race through labor subsists.

Resolved, That we believe that government only is good where an injury to one is the concern of all; that public needs should be supplied by public agencies, and that the people should be served equally and alike; and that among other things the government should provide public telephones and telegraph lines, and a postal currency for convenience in transmitting small sums of money, and that as nearly as practicable the mail of all the people be delivered at their homes free.

Resolved, That we favor a liberal pension law, and a law making good to the old soldiers their loss by reason of payment for services in depreciated currency, and that the government issue United States notes, full legal tender, to pay this difference.

Resolved, That we condemn the present board of railroad assessors for their action in reducing the valuation of the property of the railroads of the state, whereby the burdens of taxation already imposed upon the people have been unjustly increased; and we commend the bold stand taken in congress by the senators and representatives of the People's party in their determined fight against monopolistic corporations, and we hereby pledge to them our united support, and express our unbounded confidence in their wisdom and ability.

Resolved, That we approve the wise and progressive legislation passed by the lower house of the legislature at its last session, and condemn the Republican senators for non-concurrence in the same. And especially do we commend the action of such house in passing a bill providing for the weekly payment of wages by all corporate companies, and condemn the senate for defeating the same; and we demand that the next legislature enact such law, and for the benefit of our miners we favor the adoption of the

Missouri screen law as the law of this state.

We condemn the betrayal of the promises of the Republican party in its platform of 1890, by its representatives in the senate, in defeating by non-action the Australian ballot bill and the bill providing for the election of railroad commissioners by the people, both of which were promised in its platform, and we commend the action of the People's party representatives in the lower house for redeeming their promises to us.

We commend the People's party representatives in the lower house for the passage of the bill making Pinkerton's detective system amenable to law; and for the passage of the bill prohibiting the blacklisting and discharging of corporate employees without an opportunity to be heard in their defense, and we condemn the Republican senate for failing to pass such bills.

We also favor just and equitable pension laws for the benefit of railroad employees who are injured in the company's service, such pensions to be paid by the companies, and to be a first lien on their property. We commend the People's party representatives of the lower house at the last session in passing the maximum freight rate bill, and condemn the Republican senate for allowing the same to die on its calendar, confident of the fact that if it had become a law the interior cities of the state, which are justly complaining of discrimination against them by the railroads in favor of Missouri river points, would find the evil removed, and we pledge the people in city and country to remedy the same by legislation.

Resolved, That we favor the abolition of the system of passes in general use by railroad companies as a species of favoritism dangerous to the freedom of American sovereignty. We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and favor the submission to a vote of the people of Kansas of an amendment to the state constitution providing for equal suffrage of all American citizen without regard to sex.

Resolved, That, although the People's party of Kansas is largely composed of farmers, we sympathize with all classes of laborers, and will aid them in their contest for a better system and more equitable division of the profits of their toil, and we invite their co-operation in our warfare against a common enemy.

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FINANCE—THE SUPREME ISSUE.

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Mr. Secretary McCulloch, in his annual report to congress in 1865, in which he was urging upon congress the adoption of the contraction scheme, says:

The people are now comparatively free from debt.

This he gives as a reason why it is safe to enter upon contraction, that contraction which has ruined and pauperized one-half of our people. Who can portray the experience and suffering of the American people since that fatal hour? Hoping that the people may arise, and take the government once more into their own hands, and that our civilization may be made better through our great suffering, I will not trespass further upon the time of the house.—*Reproduced from Iowa Tribune Quarterly.*

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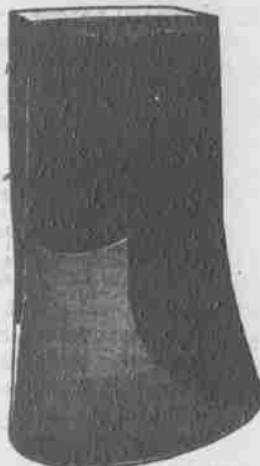
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